

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 were pending in the subject application. By this Preliminary Amendment, applicant has canceled claims 5 and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer, amended claims 1, 3-4, 6-9, 11-15, 17-18, 20-28, 31-36, and added new claims 39-63. Accordingly, upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-4, 6-15, and 17-63 will be pending.

Applicant maintains that the amendments to the claims do not raise an issue of new matter. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 3-4, 6-9, 11-15, 17-18, 20-28, 31-36 can be found in the previous version of the claims. Additional support for the amendment to claim 4 can be found in previous claim 5. Additional support for the amendment to claim 15 can be found in previous claim 16. Support for new claim 39 can be found in claim 22. Support for new claims 40, 41, 43, 44, 48, and 49 can be found in claim 12. Support for new claim 42 can be found in claim 25. Support for new claims 45-47 can be found in claims 28-30. Support for new claims 50-51 can be found in claims 35-36. Support for new claims 52-63 can be found, respectively, as follows: claim 52 in claims 1, 4, 8; claim 53 in claims 1, 2, 10; claim 54 in claims 11, 15, 16; claim 55 in claims 1, 20; claim 56 in claims 11, 21; claim 57 in claims 1, 23; claim 58 in claims 11, 24; claim 59 in claims 1, 26; claim 60 in claims 11, 27; claim 61 in claims 1, 2, 29, 32; claim 62 in claims 1, 33; claim 63 in claims 11, 64; and *inter alia* in the specification on at least page 19, paragraphs [0083] - [0084].

The specification has been amended to update the priority data for the subject application. Applicant maintains that the amendment to the specification does not raise an issue of new matter.

Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

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Declaration

The Notice indicates that an oath or declaration of the inventor is missing. Applicant attaches as **Exhibit 2** a Declaration (2 pages) for the subject application in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63, identifying the application by application number and filing date.

Power of Attorney

Applicant attaches as **Exhibit 3** a Power of Attorney (1 page) for the subject application.

Small Entity Status

Applicant claims small entity status as a sole inventor pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27(a)(1) *Person*.

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CONCLUSIONS

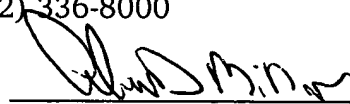
A check for \$905.00 is enclosed to cover the following fees for a small entity: \$385.00 statutory basic filing fee; \$65.00 late filing fee/declaration surcharge; \$369.00 for filing 41 total claims in excess of 20 claims (\$9.00 per excess claim); and \$86.00 for filing 2 independent claims in excess of 3 independent claims (\$43.00 per excess independent claim). No additional fee is deemed necessary in connection with the submission of this reply. However, if any other fee is required to maintain the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to withdraw the amount of any such fee from Deposit Account No. 01-1785. Overpayments may also be credited to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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